

Two years ago today, President Barack Obama signed the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* into law following its passage in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. This monumental legislation was the result of efforts by congressional Democrats who were determined to spur job creation and economic development in response to the recession. The

*Recovery Act*

created and saved 3.5 million jobs and made fundamental and groundbreaking investments in education, renewable energy, infrastructure investments, and communications technology, as well as cutting taxes for the vast majority of hard-working Americans who needed the extra boost in income. The

*Recovery Act*

averted

a second Great Depression. Florida's 23

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Congressional District benefited directly from Recovery Act funding. To view these reported

*Recovery Act*

projects within the district, please visit:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&ll=26.742584,-80.652751&spn=3.080491,3.345337&z=8&msid=103460310078212876643.000491454b6873032b572>

It is appropriate that the *Recovery Act* anniversary should fall in the midst of our current spending debate. It is important to remember the vital role that federal spending in the *Recovery Act*

played in keeping many struggling people afloat during difficult economic times. The attempts by House Republicans to discontinue funding outlined in the

*Recovery Act*

in their proposed spending bill is misguided and downright dangerous. We have come too far on the road to economic recovery to take reckless action that risks spiraling the economy back into a recession. I will continue to support measures that assist our nation in its recovery efforts and it is my sincere hope that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will do the same.